We claim:

1 1. A method for handling an unsuccessful synchronous call attempt from a calling party to a
2 called party, said method comprising:

3 monitoring a synchronous call attempt from said calling party to said called party;

4 determining at least one communication address related to said called party;

5 dropping said synchronous call attempt to said called party;

6 allowing said calling party to compose a message; and

7 sending said message to said determined communication address.

1 2. The method of claim 1, further comprising determining that said synchronous call attempt
2 to said called party is unsuccessful.

1 3. The method of claim 2, wherein said determining that said synchronous call attempt to
2 said called party is unsuccessful comprises detecting an indication from the calling party that
3 said synchronous call attempt to said called party is unsuccessful.

1 4. The method of claim 3, wherein said indication comprises said calling party pressing a
2 predetermined key or keys on a communication device.

1 5. The method of claim 3, wherein said indication comprises said calling party using a vocal
2 command.

1 6. The method of claim 1, wherein said dropping occurs prior to said determining said at
2 least one communication address.

1 7. The method of claim 1, wherein said dropping comprises disconnecting.

1 8. The method of claim 1, wherein said at least one communication address comprises at
2 least one of a telephone number, pager number, e-mail address, voice messaging address,
3 mobile phone number, and Internet instant messaging address.

1   9. The method of claim 1, wherein said determining at least one communication address

2   comprises using said called party's telephone number in a query to at least one database for

3   communication addresses for said called party.

1   10. The method of claim 1, wherein said determining at least one communication address

2   comprises using information about said called party in a query to at least one database to

3   obtain other information about said called party.

1   11. The method of claim 10, wherein said other information about said called party is used in

2   a query to at least one database to obtain further information about said called party.

1   12. The method of claim 10, wherein said information about said called party comprises

2   name and communication addresses.

1   13. The method of claim 1, wherein said allowing said calling party to compose a message

2   comprises:

3   where said at least one communication address related to the called party comprises a

4   plurality of communication addresses, presenting said calling party with a list of

5   messaging options based on said plurality of communication addresses;

6   allowing the calling party to select a messaging option for use; and

7   commencing a message compose session related to said selected messaging option

8   and pre-filling a communication address for said message with a communication

9   address related to said messaging option.

1   14. The method of claim 13, further comprising determining said called party's

2   communication addresses that are available for use.

1   15. The method of claim 14, wherein said determining the called party's addresses that are

2   available for use comprises comparing the determined called party's addresses with the

3   message compose capability of a communications device of said calling party.

1   16. A computer readable medium containing computer executable code which adapts a

    processor for a communication system to:

3   monitor a synchronous call attempt from said calling party to said called party;

4   determine at least one communication address related to said called party;

5   drop said synchronous call attempt to said called party;

6   allow said calling party to compose a message; and

7   send said message to said determined communication address.

1   17. The computer readable medium of claim 16, further adapting a processor for a

2   communication system to determine that said synchronous call attempt to said called party is

3   unsuccessful.

1   18. The computer readable medium of claim 17, wherein said determining that said

2   synchronous call attempt to said called party is unsuccessful comprises detecting an

3   indication from the calling party that said synchronous call attempt to said called party is

4   unsuccessful.

1   19. The computer readable medium of claim 18, wherein said indication comprises said

2   calling party pressing a predetermined key or keys on a communication device.

1   20. The computer readable medium of claim 18, wherein said indication comprises said

2   calling party using a vocal command.

1   21. The computer readable medium of claim 16, wherein said at least one communication

2   address comprises at least one of a telephone number, pager number, e-mail address, voice

3   messaging address, mobile phone number, and Internet instant messaging address.

1   22. The computer readable medium of claim 16, wherein said determining at least one

2   communication address comprises using information about said called party in a query to at

3   least one database to obtain other information about said called party.

1   23. The computer readable medium of claim 22, wherein said other information about said

2   called party is used in a query to at least one database to obtain further information about said

3   called party.

1   24. The computer readable medium of claim 16, wherein said allowing said calling party to

2   compose a message comprises:

3   where said at least one communication address related to the called party comprises a

4   plurality of communication addresses, presenting said calling party with a list of

5   messaging options based on said plurality of communication addresses;

6   allowing the calling party to select a messaging option for use; and

7   commencing a message compose session related to said selected messaging option

8   and pre-filling a communication address for said message with a communication

9   address related to said messaging option.

1   25. The computer readable medium of claim 24, further comprising determining said called

2   party's communication addresses that are available for use.

3   26. The computer readable medium of claim 25, wherein said determining the called party's

4   addresses that are available for use comprises comparing the determined called party's

5   addresses with the message compose capability of a communications device of said calling

6   party.

1   27. A method for handling a synchronous call attempt from a calling party to a called party,

2   said method comprising:

3   monitoring a synchronous call attempt from said calling party to said called party;

4   detecting an indication from said calling party that said calling party wishes to send a

5   message;

6   determining at least one communication address related to said called party;

7   allowing said calling party to compose a message; and

8   sending said message to said determined communication address.

1   28. The method of claim 27, wherein said detecting comprises detecting said calling party

2   pressing a predetermined key or keys on a communication device.

1 29. The method of claim 27, wherein said detecting comprises detecting said calling party
2 using a vocal command.

1 30. A system for handling an unsuccessful synchronous call attempt from a calling party to a
2 called party, said system comprising:

3 monitoring means for monitoring a synchronous call attempt from said calling party
4 directed to said called party;

5 detection means for determining that said synchronous call attempt from said calling
6 party to said called party is unsuccessful;

7 addressing means for determining at least one address for said called party;

8. dropping means for dropping said synchronous call attempt to said called party;

9 message means for allowing said calling party to compose a message for said called
10 party; and

11 sending means for sending said message to said address determined by said
12 addressing means.

1 31. The system of claim 30, wherein said addressing means comprises:

2 at least one database containing said called party's address information;

3 database query means for querying said database for said called party's address
4 information; and

5 data communication means for providing said called party's address information to
6 said message means.